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Crop Report for the Period October 13 to 19, 2009

Unfavourable weather conditions during the past few weeks have stalled harvest operations in the province, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

Harvest is approximately 77 per cent complete. The five year average (2004-2008) for this time of year is 94 per cent complete. Last year at this time, Saskatchewan farmers had 97 per cent of the crop in the bin. Farmers are trying to combine tough and damp crops when they can, which is sometimes only an hour or two a day. Fourteen per cent of the crops are in the swath and six per cent are ready to straight-combine.

Seventy-six per cent of the spring wheat, 87 per cent of the durum, 59 per cent of the oats, 85 per cent of the barley, 30 per cent of the flax, 66 per cent of the canola, 87 per cent of the mustard, 50 per cent of the canary seed, 80 per cent of the chickpeas and two per cent of the sunflowers have been combined. All regions of the province still have crop in the field.

Province-wide, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 20 per cent surplus, 63 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as eight per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 21 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Snow, rain and wind were the major causes of crop damage last week. The recent weather conditions have caused bleaching, sprouting, lodging and shattering. There are also reports of wildlife damage (caused primarily by geese) in the swaths. Where possible, farmers are trying to control weeds, hauling grain and bales, fixing fences and testing soil.

Producers are doing what they can to get the crop off the field.

One year ago
Ninety-seven per cent of the 2008 crop had been harvested.

Harvest Completed by Region	
October 19th, 2009	
Southeast	85
Southwest	93
East-central	71
West-central	76
Northeast	63
Northwest	62

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The weather conditions were cool and damp during the week, and little progress was made on harvest or other fall operations. Temperatures on the weekend were more seasonal. Most areas in the region reported rain and snow. Precipitation ranged from nil to 20 mm. The Manor and Moosomin areas received 20 mm. Many other areas recorded moisture above 10 mm. Average precipitation for CD 1A was 12 mm; CD 1B, 10 mm; CD 2A, 5 mm; CD 2B, 4 mm and CD 3ASE, 4 mm. Heavy, wet snow fell in the Moosomin area.

Southeast Region Harvest Progress October 19, 2009 (percent)				
	Standing	Swathed	Ready to straight-cut	Combined
Spring wheat	1	7	3	88
Durum	2	6	4	88
Oats	2	15	0	82
Barley	0	2	1	96
Flax	30	12	18	37
Canola	0	11	0	88
Mustard	1	2	5	91
Sunflowers	100	0	0	0
Canaryseed	23	14	12	51

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 21 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate and six per cent short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are sitting at six per cent surplus, 87 per cent adequate and seven per cent short.

Most of the crop damage was caused by wind, rain and snow, which resulted in bleaching, lodging and shattering.

A few combines were rolling and taking tough/damp grain and putting it in aeration and dryers, if available. The majority of the fields with crop still left have not seen a combine since September 30. Most crop reporters are indicating that fall weed control activities have passed. There was little activity on farms, with the exception of hauling bales and bringing the cattle home from pasture. Some crop reporters are wondering if they will be combining next spring or if they can get the crop in the bin this fall.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Most of the week was cool and damp, with varying amounts of moisture. Precipitation ranged from nil to 13 mm. Crop District 3SAW averaged 5 mm of precipitation; CD 3AN, 5 mm; CD 3BS, 4 mm; CD 3BN, 4 mm; CD 4A, 7 mm and 4B, 5 mm. The Shaunavon area received 13 mm, while the Glentworth and Coderre areas received 11 and 10 mm, respectively.

Southwest Region Harvest Progress October 19, 2009 (percent)				
	Standing	Swathed	Ready to straight-cut	Combined
Spring wheat	1	1	2	95
Durum	2	3	2	92
Oats*	0	2	0	73
Barley**	2	0	1	93
Flax	38	4	13	45
Canola	1	4	0	95
Mustard	1	2	6	91
Canaryseed	19	0	2	79
* 25 per cent is rated as 'other'. ** four per cent is rated as 'other'				

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are reported as, 69 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and three per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as 60 per cent adequate, 27 per cent short and 14 per cent very short.

Bleaching, sprouting and shattering accounted for the majority of the damage to the crops still in the field.

While awaiting the chance to finish harvesting, farmers are fencing and hauling bales and cattle. The wet conditions have limited activities in the field. Soft ground is making it difficult to haul grain during the day. There are worries that some of the crop will be left in the field until next spring, or maybe even until conditions are more cold and dry. There are a few reports of fall weed control application. It is mostly flax and canaryseed are left to harvest.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6A)

The region experienced damp conditions throughout most of the week. Precipitation ranged from nil to 13 mm, with most areas receiving less than 10 mm. CD 5A received an average of 3 mm. CDs 5B and 6A received 5 mm. The Jansen and Humboldt areas received 13 mm, while the Kelvington area received 11 mm.

East-Central Region
Harvest Progress October 19, 2009 (percent)

	Standing	Swathed	Ready to straight-cut	Combined
Spring wheat	3	16	11	70
Durum	2	6	9	83
Oats	5	7	30	58
Barley	2	8	2	88
Flax	53	12	20	15
Canola	0	37	0	62
Mustard	20	15	3	62
Canaryseed	50	13	16	21

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are reported as 31 per cent surplus and 69 per cent adequate. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as nine per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and seven per cent short.

Many areas in the region reported crop damage due to the wet conditions and wind. Bleaching, lodging, sprouting and shattering are the major concerns. Geese are causing crop damage as well.

There were some combines going on the weekend thanks to the warmer weather. There are reports of some canaryseed being combined. Some canola crops are testing 14 to 16 per cent moisture and higher. These crops will require close monitoring in the bin. There were reports of crops being combined at over 20 per cent moisture and others that did not register on the moisture meter. Reports from the Semans area noted oats testing 16 per cent, flax 12 to 13 per cent and canola 13 per cent. Some fall fertilizing is taking place. Farmers are deciding which crops to harvest now based on which ones will best withstand being left out over winter.

Farmers are busy trying to harvest, monitoring tough grain and trying to haul bales.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

The week was cool, cloudy and snowy. Precipitation varied ranging from 3 to 24 mm. CD 6B averaged 10 mm; CD 7A, 7 mm and CD 7B, 16 mm. The Major area received 24 mm, while the Luseland and Denzil areas received 20mm. Many areas received between 10 and 20 mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are reported as three per cent surplus, 61 per cent adequate, 34 per cent short and three per cent very short. Forty-six per cent is rated as short in CD 7A. Topsoil

moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as two per cent surplus, 54 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and two per cent very short. Sixty-six per cent is rated as short in CD 7A.

Wind and rain were the major causes of crop damage in the region. Lodging, bleaching, sprouting and shattering are causing downgrading and crop loss. There was some localized flooding in the Hanley area.

West-Central Region Harvest Progress October 19, 2009 (percent)				
	Standing	Swathed	Ready to straight-cut	Combined
Spring wheat	3	12	15	70
Durum	3	17	13	67
Oats	16	22	12	43
Barley	2	11	11	73
Flax	42	14	17	27
Canola	0	18	0	81
Mustard	0	13	17	69
Canaryseed	26	2	8	64

Harvesting equipment was absent from most fields again this past week. Some farmers were harvesting tough and damp grain. Most crops are testing 19 to 20 per cent moisture and above. Some farmers are hauling bales and manure, although fields are very soft which makes movement difficult. There are a few reports of fall fertilizing. Fall activities are occurring when weather permits. Cattle are being fed in the yard as crop residue grazing cannot take place until the crop comes off the field. There was a little progress made in combining in some areas, but it was not long before the rain and snow brought it to a halt.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

The northeast region was overcast and cool for most of the week. Precipitation varied from 4 to 18 mm. CD 8A averaged 9 mm, with the Porcupine Plain and Tisdale areas receiving 11 and 12 mm, respectively. CD 8B reported an average of 7 mm, with the Melfort area recording 13 mm. The Prince Albert area received 18 mm.

Top soil is wet. Cropland topsoil moisture is reported as 59 per cent surplus, 34 per cent adequate and seven per cent short. Topsoil moisture on hay land and pasture is rated as 64 per cent surplus, 32 per cent adequate and four per cent very short.

Wind, rain and snow were the major causes of crop damage. Crops still in the field are lodging, bleaching and sprouting, which will result in downgrading. Geese are causing crop damage in the Hoey area.

The cool, wet weather this week brought harvest to a near halt. Farmers with grain dryers were able to combine some crops, but grain trucks could not drive through the fields without getting stuck. In some areas, the combines were driving to the road to fill the trucks, slowing things down even more. There were a few combines rolling from October 14 to 17. There is still a lot of crop left out in the field.

Northeast Region Harvest Progress October 19, 2009 (percent)				
	Standing	Swathed	Ready to straight-cut	Combined
Spring wheat	6	16	7	69
Oats	26	22	9	43
Barley	3	5	9	82
Flax	61	15	19	5
Canola	0	48	0	52
Canaryseed	56	0	7	36
Peas	5	0	0	94

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Cloudy and cool weather made for poor drying conditions during the majority of the week. Most areas reported precipitation. The average precipitation in CD 9AW was 16 mm and 10 mm in CD 9B. The Glaslyn and Spiritwood areas recorded 28 and 26 mm, respectively. Most areas reported more than 10 mm of moisture.

Northwest Region Harvest Progress October 19, 2009 (percent)				
	Standing	Swathed	Ready to straight-cut	Combined
Spring wheat	6	18	23	52
Oats	12	33	20	30
Barley	3	14	21	61
Flax	26	45	11	17
Canola	1	41	12	46

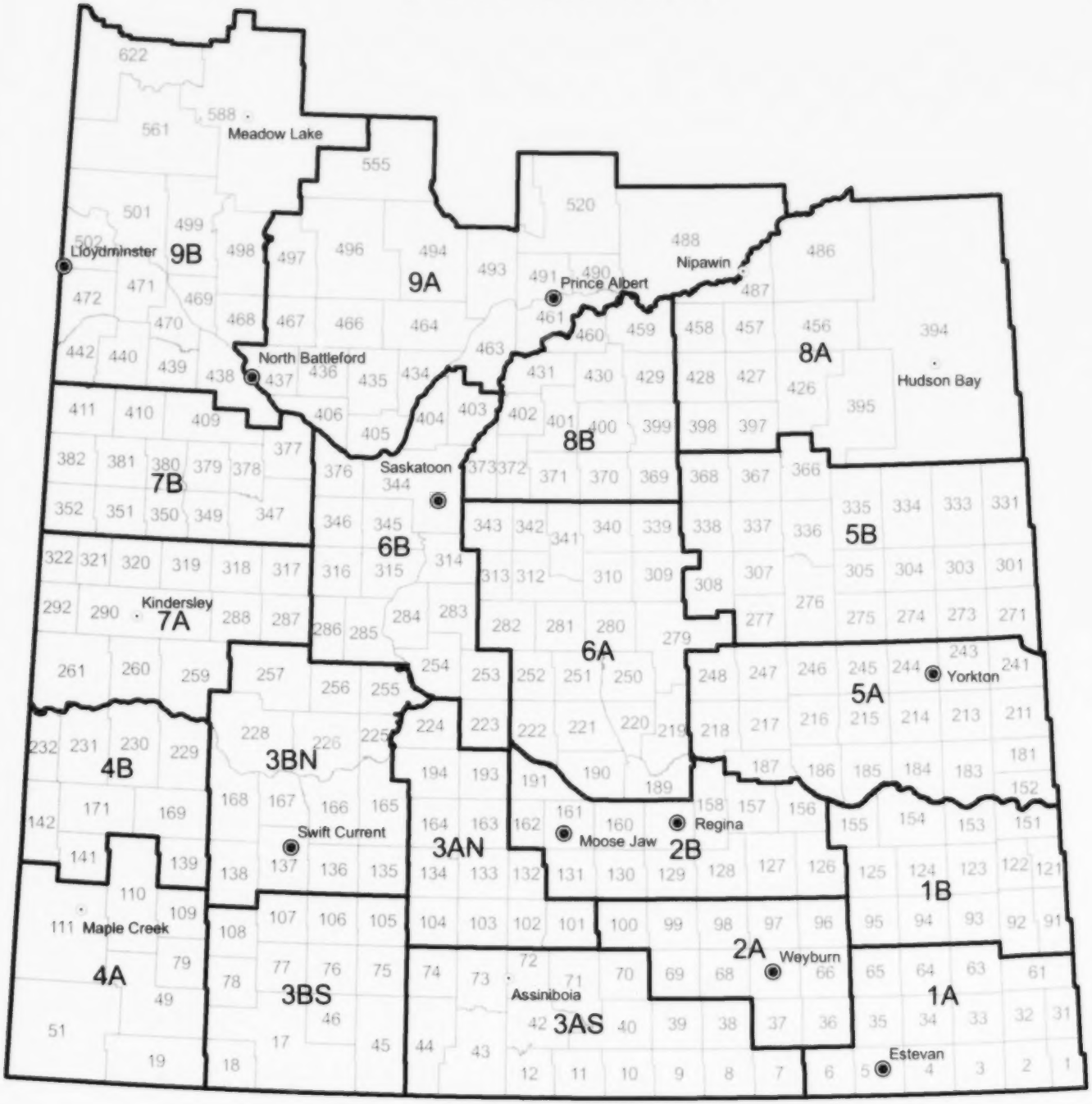
Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are reported as 11 per cent surplus, 56 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and one per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as 51 per cent adequate, 45 per cent short and four per cent very short.

Wet and windy conditions caused the crop damage in the region this past week. Bleaching, sprouting and lodging are causing concerns.

Farmers are trying to harvest, haul bales, apply fall fertilizer, haul cattle and repair fences when weather permits. Some combines made it into the fields between October 17 and 19. Farmers are combining tough/damp grain and drying it. Many farmers are putting their combines in the field as soon as they are sure the grain can be stored and managed at an acceptable moisture level.

It has been a 'long haul' for Saskatchewan farmers this year, and there is still a lot of crop in the field. All the best to those trying to complete harvest and finish their fall farm activities.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the week ending October 19, 2009

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	7	300
	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	285
	3	Enniskillen	5	294
	33 A	Moose Creek	N/A	231
	33 B	Moose Creek	10	319
	34	Browning	15	269
	61	Antler	15	305
	63	Moose Mountain	20	303
	64	Brock	14	253
	65	Tecumseh	11	252
1B	91	Maryfield	N/A	245
	92	Walpole	N/A	278
	93	Wawken	15	310
	94	Hazelwood	N/A	353
	95	Golden West	15	313
	121	Moosomin	20	356
	122	Martin	20	335
	123 A	Silverwood	2	315
	123 B	Silverwood	N/A	70
	124	Kingsley	N/A	345
	125	Chester	2	280
	151	Rocanville	5	324
	153	Willowdale	N/A	317
	154	Elcapo	N/A	303
	155	Wolseley	NIL	303
2A	36	Cymri	7	370
	66	Griffin	N/A	260
	67	Weyburn	5	329
	68	Brokenshell	4	269
	69	Norton	3	375
	96	Fillmore	9	322
	97	Wellington	2	295
	99	Caledonia	N/A	344
2B	126	Montmartre	1	329
	127 A	Francis	8	382
	127 B	Francis	3	202
	129	Bratt's Lake	10	311
	131	Baildon	NIL	273
	156 A	Indian Head	6	337
	156 B	Indian Head	4	375
	157	South Qu'appelle	N/A	12
	160	Pense	N/A	204
	161	Moose Jaw	8	159
	191 A	Marquis	NIL	209
	191 B	Marquis	N/A	N/A
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	N/A	112
	38 A	Launer	N/A	321
	38 B	Launer	3	309
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	320
	39 B	The Gap	5	392
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	8	303
	12	Poplar Valley	5	255
	40	Bengough	3	292
	42	Willow Bunch	5	333
	43	Old Post	11	277
	44	Waverley	5	295
	70	Key West	NIL	327
	71 A	Excel	N/A	497
	71 B	Excel	N/A	417
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	319
	73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	342
	74	Wood River	N/A	191
3AN	101	Terrell	3	313
	102	Lake Johnston	1	260
	103	Sutton	8	266
	134	Shamrock	10	337
	164	Chaplin	N/A	280
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	213
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	55
	194	Enfield	5	309
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	3	311
	17 B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	2	239
	75 A	Pinto Creek	N/A	238
	75 B	Pinto Creek	6	211
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	206
	76 B	Auvergne	TR	212
	77	Wise Creek	N/A	252
	78 A	Grassy Creek	N/A	281
	78 B	Grassy Creek	N/A	210
	78 C	Grassy Creek	10	262
	105	Glenbain	6	223
	106	Whiska Creek	7	180
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	122
	108	Bone Creek	5	242
3BN	138	Webb	4	240
	165	Morse	N/A	108
	166	Excelsior	N/A	217
	167	Sask. Landing	2	241
	168	Riverside	N/A	196
	225	Canaan	5	204
	226	Victory	5	201
	228 A	Lacadena	N/A	249
	228 B	Lacadena	4	176
	255	Coteau	N/A	298
4A	49	White Valley	N/A	192
	49 A	White Valley	N/A	157
	51	Reno	8	183
	79	Arlington	13	193
	109	Carmichael	7	294
	110	Piapot	NIL	249
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	232
4B	139	Gull Lake	5	231
	141	Big Stick	4	213
	142	Enterprise	5	224
	169	Pittville	N/A	199
	231	Happyland	5	171
	232	Deer Forks	N/A	169
5A	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	340
	184 A	Grayson	N/A	310
	184 B	Grayson	N/A	265
	185	Mcleod	3	310
	186	Abernethy	2	290
	211	Churchbridge	3	317
	213	Saltcoats	N/A	260
	216 A	Tullymet	5	381
	216 B	Tullymet	N/A	239
	241	Calder	N/A	247
	243	Wallace	N/A	258
	245 A	Garry	N/A	346
	245 B	Garry	N/A	410
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	403
	247	Kellross	N/A	345
	248	Touchwood	N/A	277
5B	271	Cote	NIL	292
	273	Sliding Hills	N/A	25
	275	Insinger	N/A	294
	276 A	Foam Lake	N/A	268
	276 B	Foam Lake	N/A	N/A
	277	Emerald	2	412
	278	Kutawa	N/A	N/A
	305	Invermay	8	295
	307	Elfros	7	391
	308	Big Quill	N/A	354
	333	Clayton	N/A	105
	335	Hazel Dell	1	325
	336	Sasman	8	300
	337	Lakeview	5	318
	338	Lakeside	6	371
	366	Kelvington	11	385
6A	190 A	Duffern	2	208
	190 B	Duffern	NIL	218
	190 C	Duffern	4	219
	190 D	Duffern	N/A	42
	219 A	Longlaketon	3	276
	219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	300
	220	Mckillop	5	304
	221	Sarnia	N/A	305
	222	Craik	7	342
	251	Big Arm	N/A	391
	252	Arm River	5	342
	279 A	Mount Hope	NIL	310
	279 B	Mount Hope	N/A	309
	280	Wreford	2	263
	282	Mccraney	6	361
	309	Prairie Rose	13	375
	312	Morris	N/A	271
	313	Lost River	N/A	220
	339	Leroy	7	370
	340	Wolverine	13	376
	341	Viscount	N/A	242
	343	Blucher	6	272
6B	283	Rosedale	7	390
	284	Rudy	7	343
	285	Fertile Valley	6	261
	286	Milden	19	228
	314	Dundurn	N/A	361
	344	Corman Park	3	206
	346	Perdue	17	332
	376 A	Eagle Creek	N/A	266
	376 B	Eagle Creek	12	349
7A	259	Snipe Lake	4	186
	287	St. Andrews	5	190
	288	Pleasant Valley	9	264
	290	Kindersley	N/A	40
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	317 A	Marriott	N/A	233
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7B	347 A	Biggar	12	344
	347 B	Biggar	17	352
	350 A	Manitoba	18	144
	350 B	Manitoba	15	221
	351	Progress	20	244
	352	Heart's Hill	24	128
	377	Glenside	9	340
	378 A	Rosemount	10	240
	378 B	Rosemount	18	328
	379	Reford	17	180
	380	Tramping Lake	N/A	188
	382	Eye Hill	20	275
	408	Prairie	N/A	N/A
	409	Buffalo	18	314
	410	Round Valley	N/A	143
	411	Senlac	12	283
8A	395	Porcupine	11	429
	397	Barrier Valley	5	436
	398	Pleasantdale	N/A	N/A
	428	Star City	N/A	312
	456	Arborfield	9	417
	457	Connaught	13	290
	458	Willow Creek	8	245
	486	Moose Range	N/A	330
	487	Nipawin	9	326
8B	389	St. Peter	8	240
	370	Humboldt	8	370
	371	Bayne	5	329
	372	Grant	N/A	287
	400	Three Lakes	N/A	N/A
	402	Fish Creek	6	261
	429 A	Flett's Springs	13	122
	429 B	Flett's Springs	6	378
	431	St. Louis	5	329
	459	Kinistino	5	353
9AE	461	Prince Albert	18	186
	488	Torch River	N/A	330
	520	Paddockwood	N/A	28
9AW	406	Mayfield	N/A	255
	435	Redberry	15	409
	436	Douglas	15	189
	463	Duck Lake	N/A	344
	464	Leask	15	315
	467	Round Hill	N/A	199
	493	Shellbrook	N/A	366
	494	Canwood	11	340
	496	Spiritwood	26	239
	497	Medstead	N/A	215
	555	Big River	N/A	15
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	288
	440	Hillsdale	17	227
	442	Manitou Lake	15	201
	498 A	Parkdale	26	247
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	189
	499	Mervin	15	249
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	501 B	Frenchman Butte	13	264
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	502	Britannia	17	236
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	237
	588 A	Meadow Lake	5	282
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	226
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	257
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	243
	622	Beaver River	8	156

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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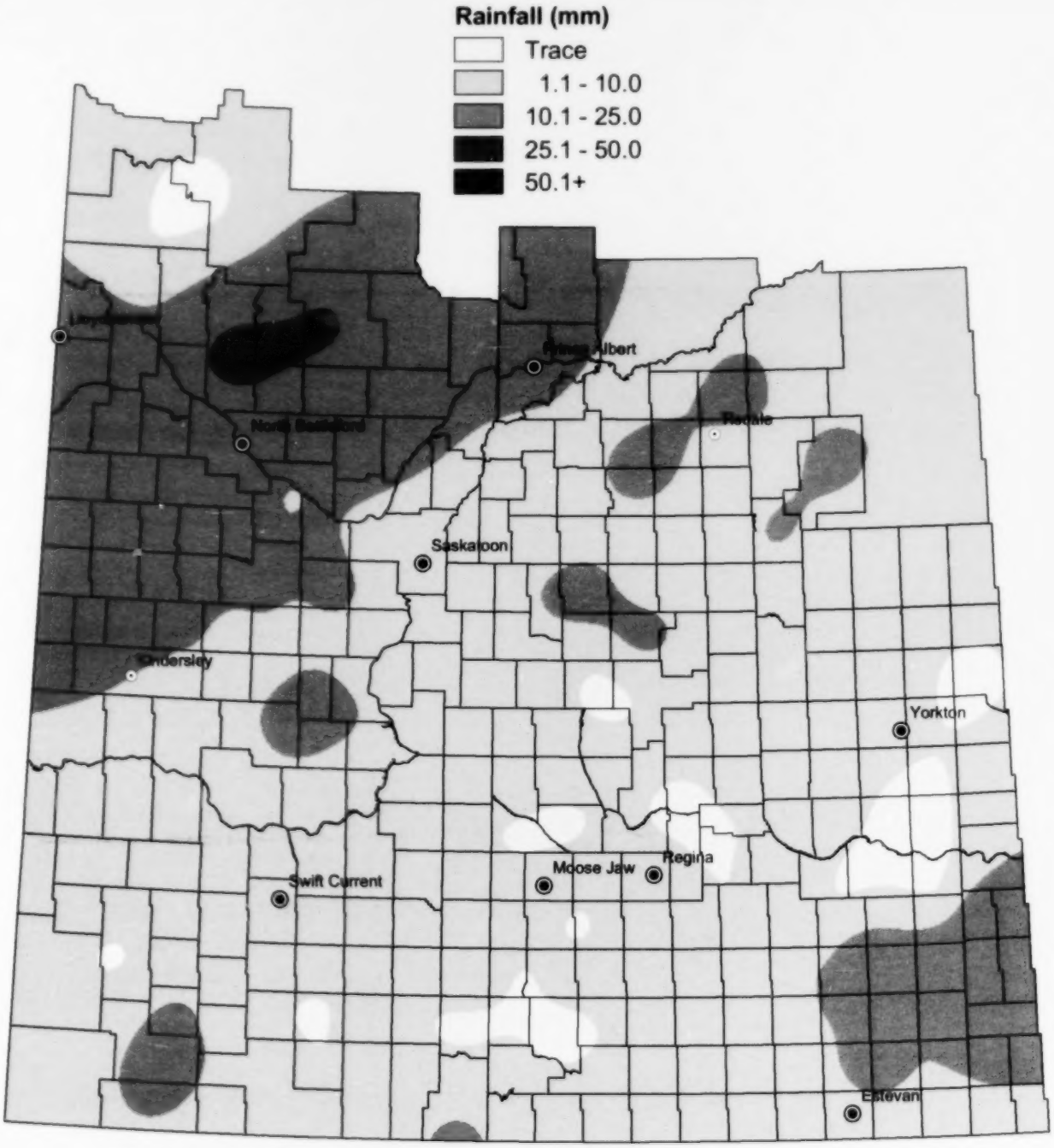
Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending October 19, 2009



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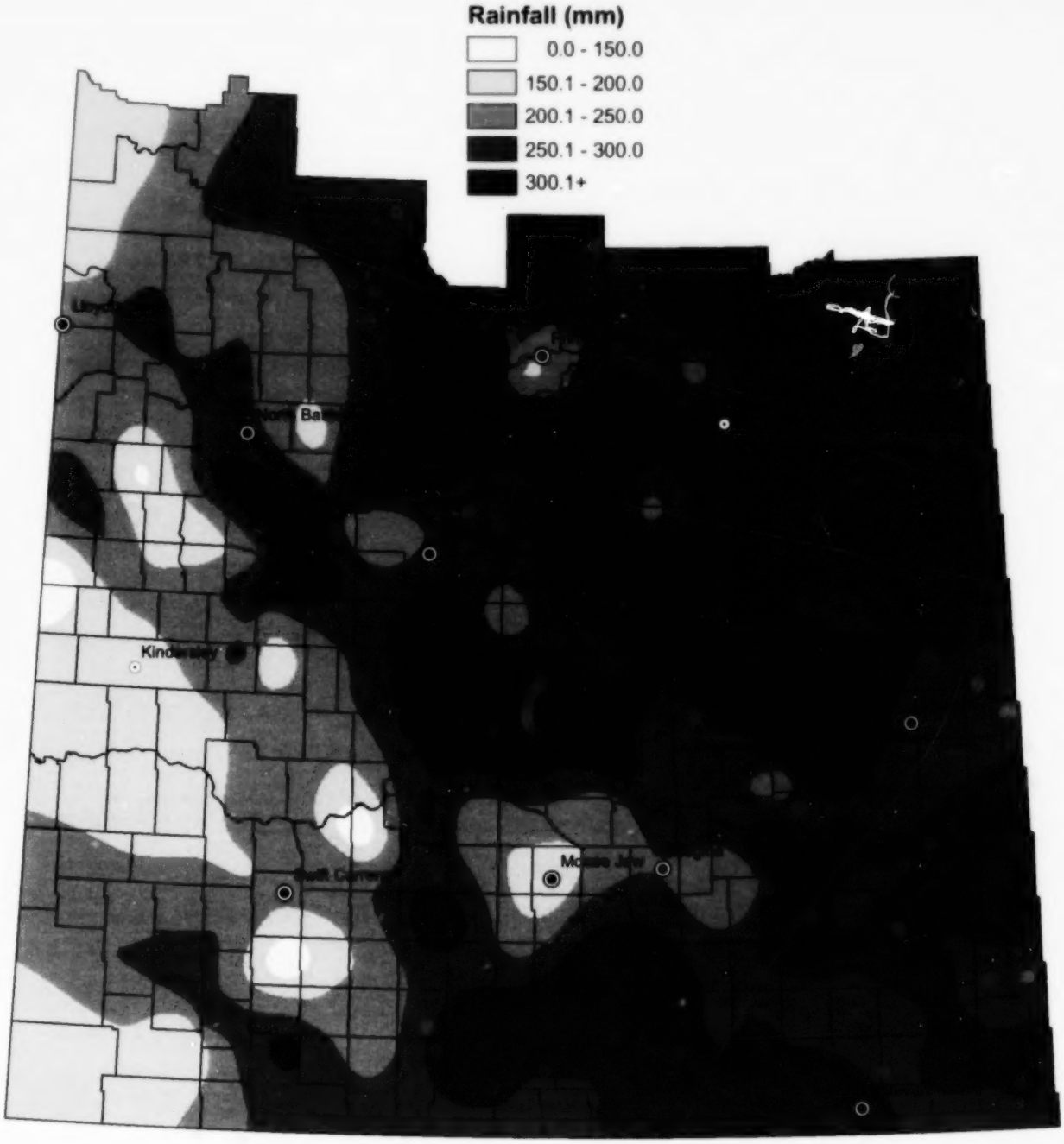
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2009
To: October 19, 2009



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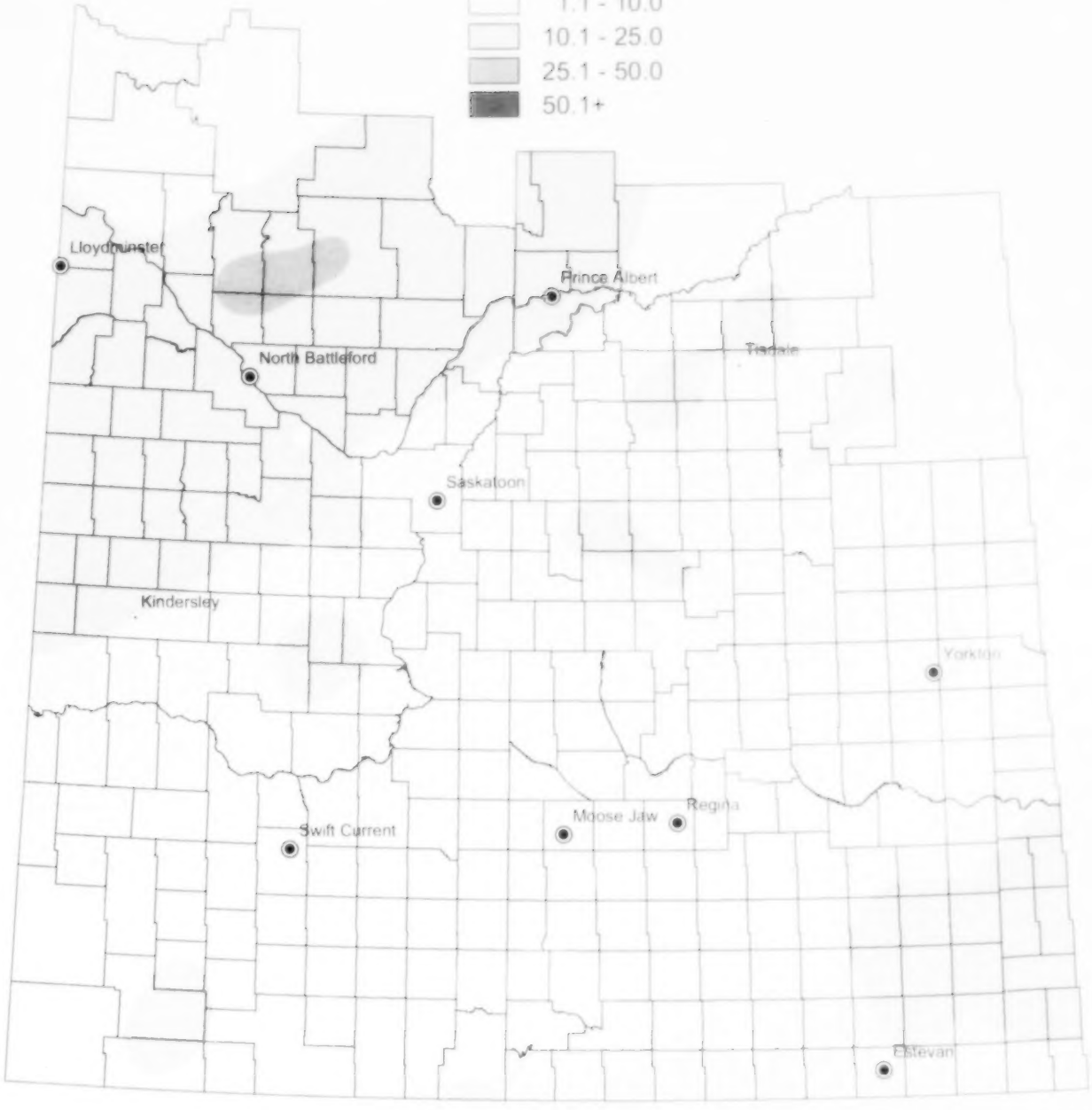

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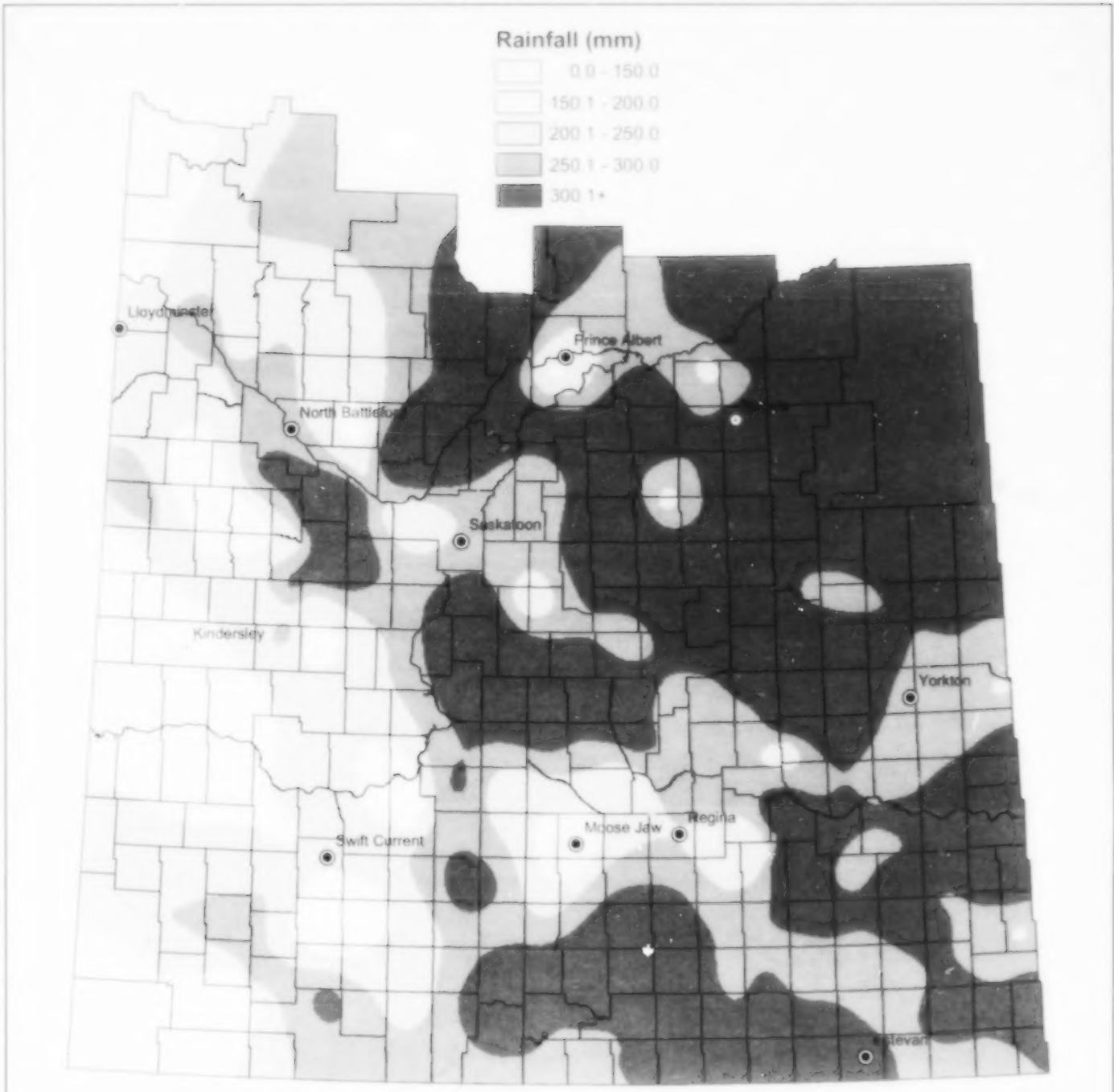

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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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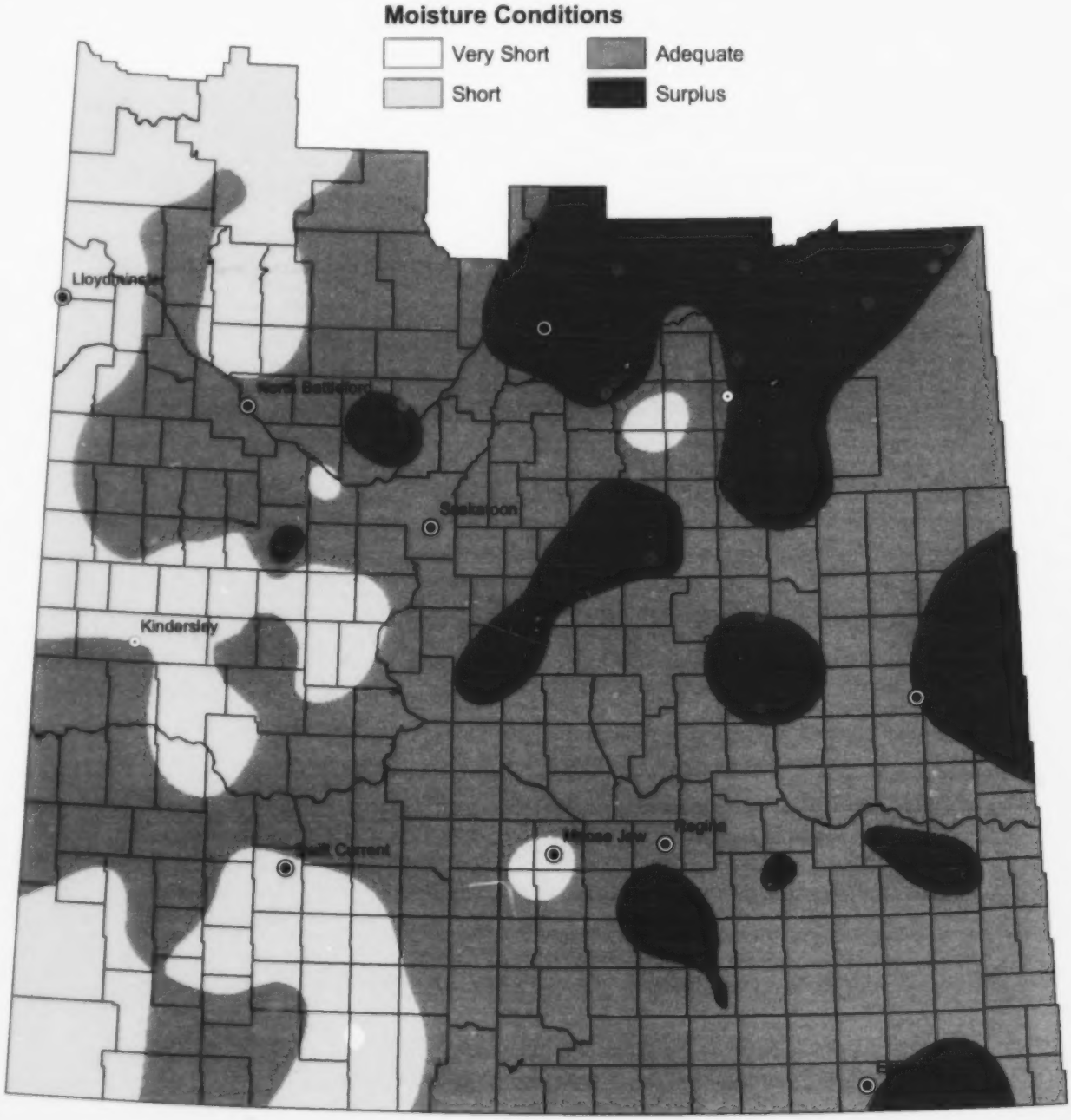

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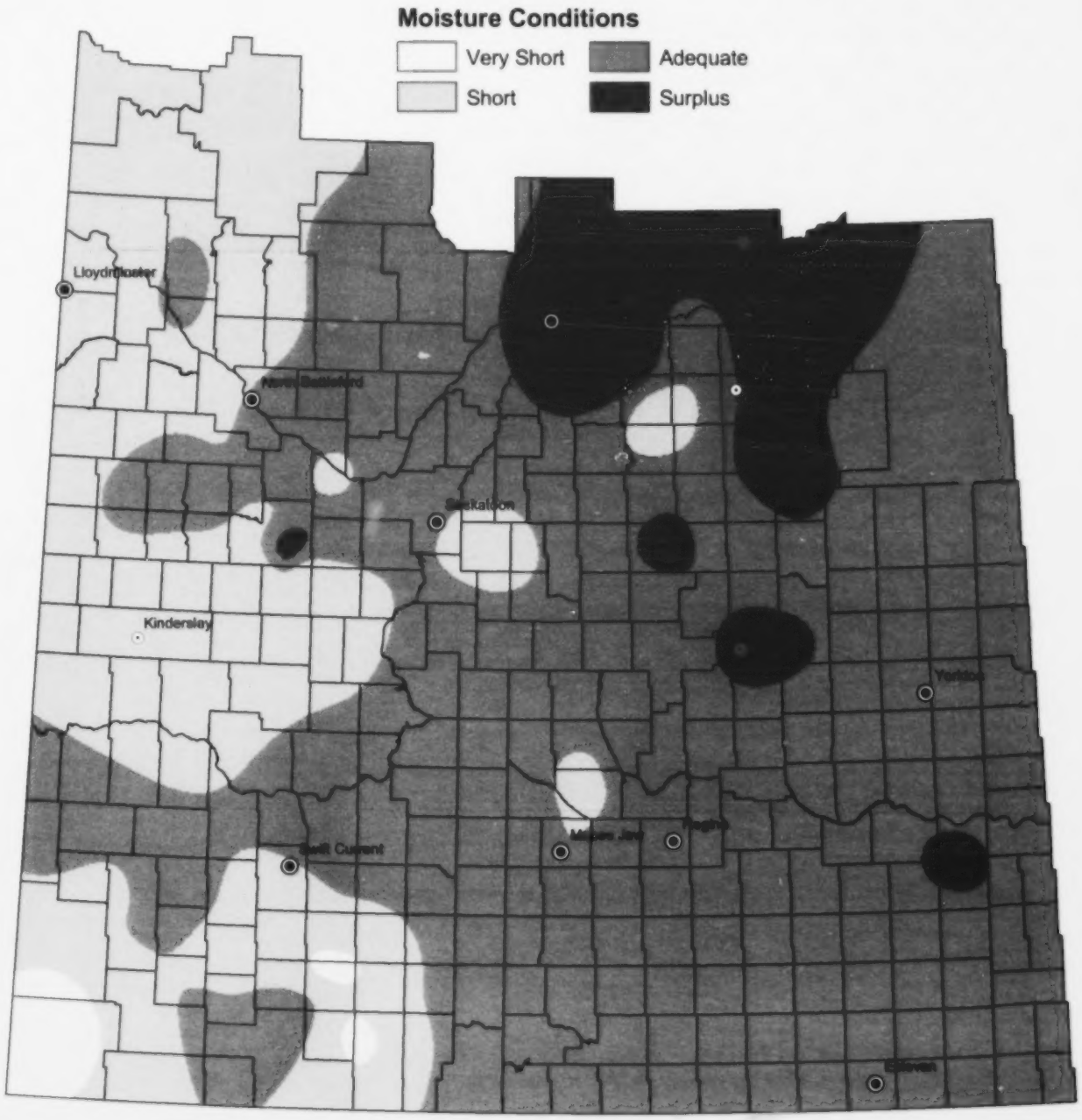

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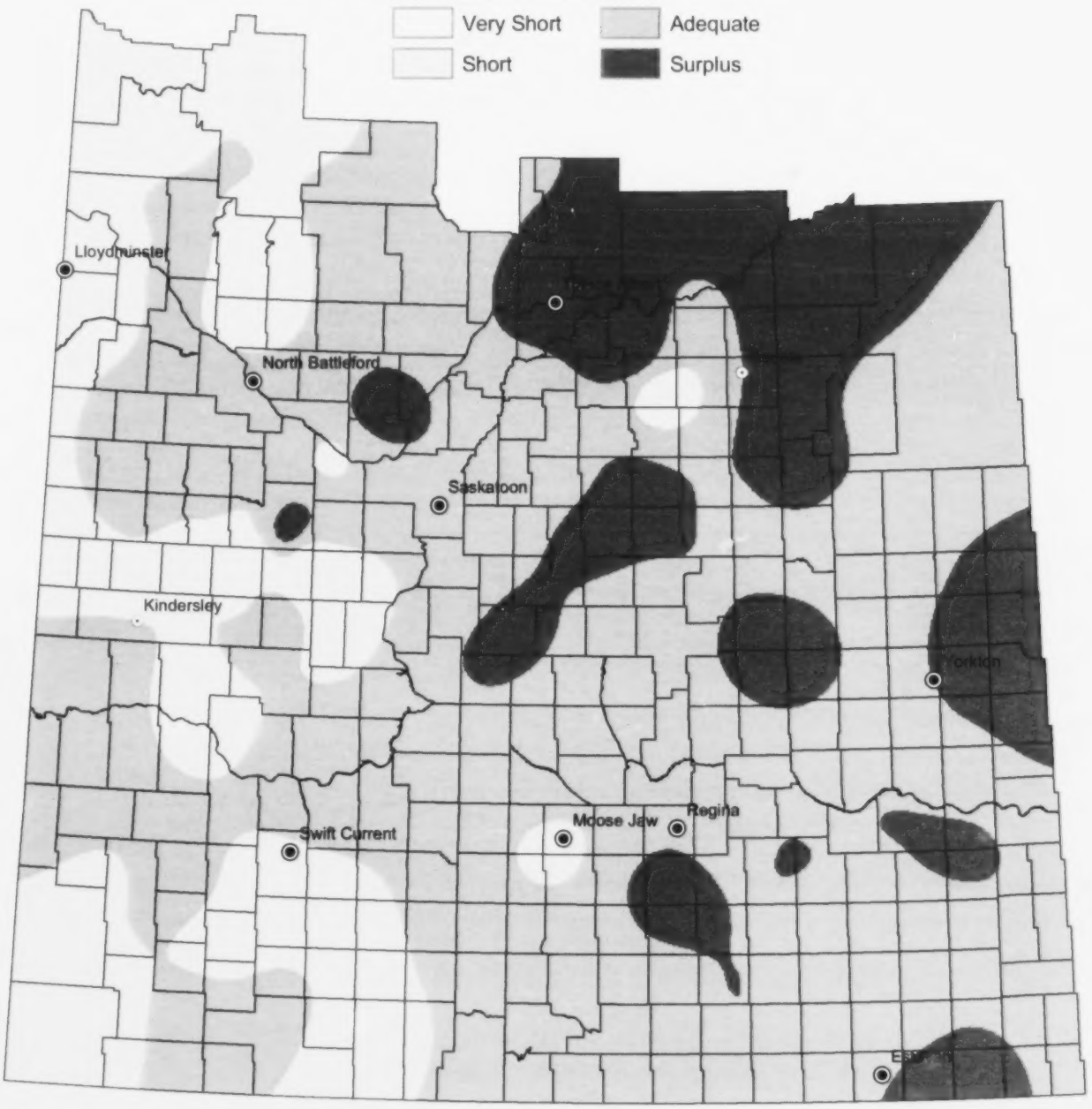

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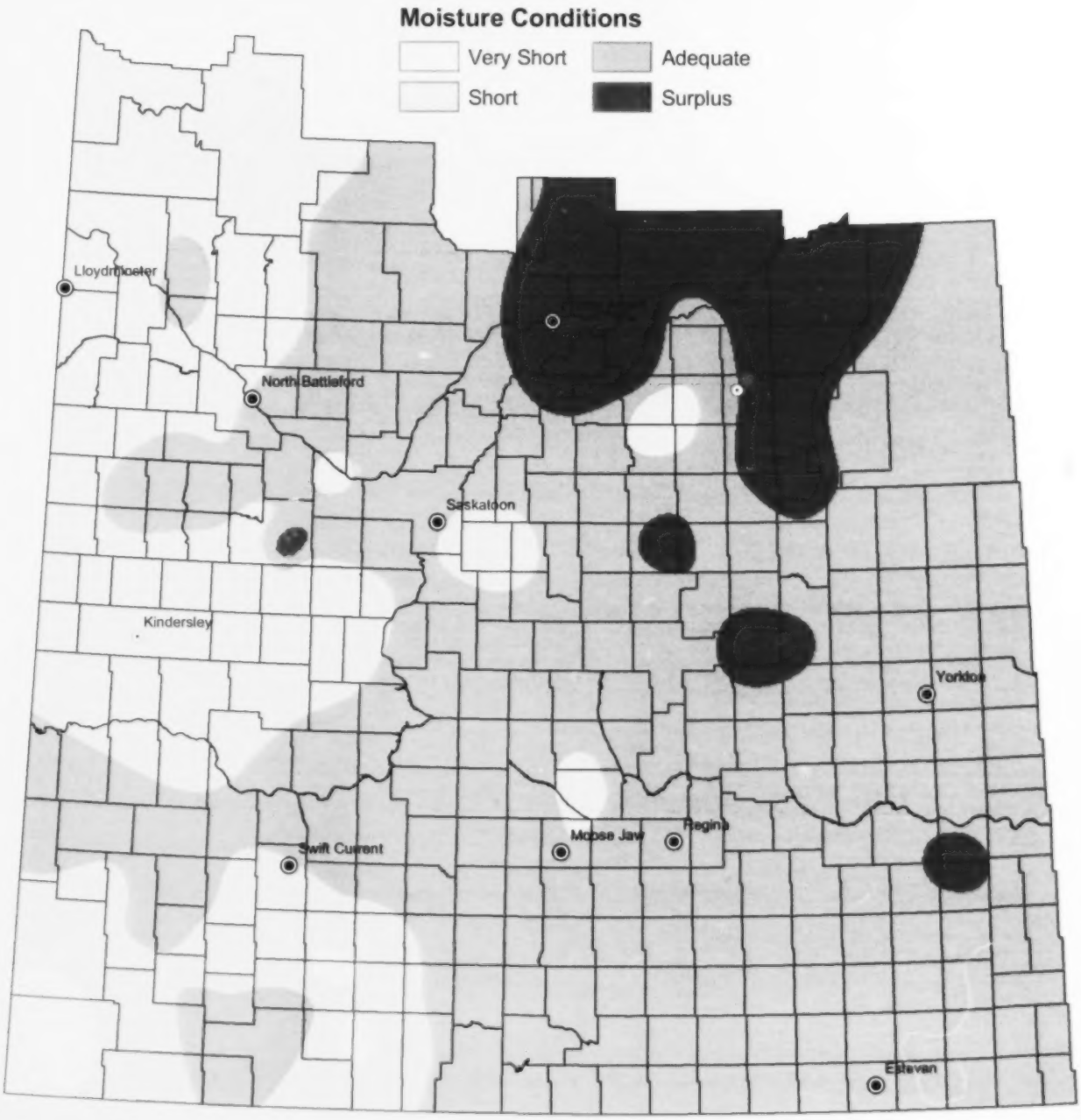

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